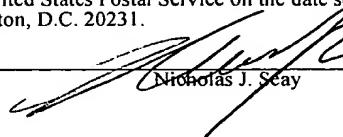


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RESPONSE

Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed July 3, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 to 15, 17 and 18 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A C8-substituted purine nucleotide, wherein the purine nucleotide is substituted at the C8 position with a substituent other than H.
2. (Amended) The purine nucleotide of claim 1, wherein the purine is adenine.
3. (Amended) The purine nucleotide of claim 1, wherein the substituent is an ether, thioether or an amine.
4. (Amended) The purine nucleotide of claim 2, wherein the substituent is an ether, thioether or an amine.